REMARKS

Claims 7-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over www.imdb.com (web page of July 21, 2001) and Ouchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,629,107). Claims 7-18 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-6 and 19-27 are pending.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-6 and 19-21 are allowed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the other pending dependent claims 22-27, which depend from allowed independent claim 19 are patentable for at least the same reasons as claims 1-6 and 19-21.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully solicited.

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